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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS PRESIDENT VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. SUMMARY. EDWARD J. DALY, PRESIDENT, WORLD AIRWAYS, HIS STAFF AND HIS NONSCHEDULED BOEING 727 ARE EXPECTED ARRIVE DAMASCUS FROM BEIRUT AT 1330 LOCAL (1030Z) AUG. 28 AND AWAIT WORD FROM MOSCOW RE ONWARD TRAVEL. REFTELS ONLY ONES WE HOLD THIS SUBJECT AND ADDRESSES REQUESTED INFORM US OF ANY OTHER PERTINENT DATA OR REPEAT TO US ANY PERTINENT MESSAGES THAT WOULD HELP OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS MATTER. END SUMMARY.

2. IN VARIOUS TELCONS FROM DALY, BRIAN COOK, HARDENSTEIN AND MIKE DEASY (ADVANCEMAN NOW AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT HOTEL), ALL OF WORLD AIRWAYS, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF DALY'S PLAN TO ARRIVE DAMASCUS AND AWAIT WORD DALY PARTY SAYS THEY EXPECT FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW RE FLIGHT CLEARANCE, FLIGHT ROUTE, POSSIBLE NEED FOR SOVIET NAVIGATOR/PILOT PICK UP AT SOME POINT, SOVIET VISAS FOR PARTY AND DATE FOR BREZHNEV/DALY MEETING. DEASY REPORTS PARTY WILL REQUEST SOVIET VISAS FROM

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SOVIET EMBASSY DAMASCUS, AND HE BELIEVES DALY PARTY WILL

AWAIT WORD FROM MOSCOW FOR "TWO OR THREE DAYS IN DAMASCUS."

3. WHILE IN DAMASCUS, HARDENSTEIN SAID DALY PARTY WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH SARG MINISTERS OF TOURISM AND TRANSPORT AND SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES CHAIRMAN. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO DEASY PARTY ETA HERE TOO LATE FOR APPOINTMENTS TODAY, FRIDAY IS VERY DIFFICULT AS NON-WORKING DAY, AND WE PROBABLY SHOULD AIM FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 30. DEASY WILL RECHECK WITH DALY UPON HIS ARRIVAL AND LET US KNOW IF WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS.

4. DEASY SAID EMBASSY AMMAN HAS INFORMED EMBASSY MOSCOW OF DALY PARTY STAY IN DAMASCUS. WE HAVE NO SUCH TRAFFIC. WE HAVE ONLY TWO REFTELS AND SO FAR CAN ONLY RELY ON WHAT WORLD AIRWAYS OFFICIALS ARE TELLING US, INCLUDING PREVIOUS BREZHNEV/DALY MEETING IN SAN CLEMENTE.

5. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES FILLING US IN ON ANY BACKGROUND WHICH WILL BE USEFUL TO US DURING DALY VISIT; PLEASE SEND PRIORITY.

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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